



**CENTERS FOR DISEASETM
CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

A Framework for Engagement

The CDC Perspective

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CDC's Vision

- Every health department fully prepared; every community better protected
- Public health workforce prepared to deliver essential services

Centers for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP) Program

- *GOAL:* an integrated national network of Centers for Public Health Preparedness to ensure frontline public health workers have the skills and competencies required to respond effectively to current and emerging health threats, including terrorism

Academic CPHPs

- Established in schools of public health to:
 - Link schools with practice partners in state and local health agencies
 - Assess the needs of the public health workforce
 - Develop relevant training curricula
 - Conduct applied research

Core Strategies in Workforce Development

- Competency-based curricula
- Certification/credentialing system of recognition
- Performance-based measures for assessing training effectiveness and workforce preparedness

Traditional Barriers to Training

- Cost
- Accessibility
- Lack of incentives
- Lack of time

Current Opportunities

- Supplemental funding to the states and to the CPHP Program puts an emphasis on commitment to training
- Emphasis on practice/academic linkages in development and provision of training

Focus Area G

CDC's Guidance to the States

- Implement incentive strategies
- Evaluate effectiveness of training
- Conduct evaluation of workforce preparedness activities
- Collect data re: links among workforce performance, organizational effectiveness, and health outcomes
- Develop formal relationships with **Schools of Public Health** and others

Focus Area G

Roles for A-CPHPs

- Work in collaboration with ASPH and CDC to assist the states by:
 - Assessing training needs
 - Developing and delivering training
 - Evaluating training effectiveness
 - Providing other special expertise, e.g., surge capacity, resource and referral

CDC's National Roles with the CPHPs and the States

- **Providing** technical consultation
- **Facilitating**--brokering relationships between CPHPs and state and local agencies and partners
- **Coordinating and Disseminating** – e.g., collecting and sharing resource, product, and “best practice” information

Future Steps for Academic CPHPs

In partnership with ASPH and CDC:

- Address state, local, and regional needs, guided by ASPH Framework
- Assist in implementation of CDC's Training Matrix for Terrorism Preparedness and Response
- Assure a strong science base for preparedness education and research



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